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ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT OF US/FRANCE
ARBITRATION AGREEMENT SIGNED JULY 11.

-- "TODAY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THE
FRENCH REPUBLIC SIGNED AN ARBITRATION AGREEMENT PROVIDING
FOR THE RESOLUTION OF THE CURRENT AVIATION DISPUTE BETWEEN
THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. THE PARTIES AGREED TO SUBMIT TO
ARBITRATION TWO ISSUES: THE VALIDITY OF A CHANGE OF
AIRPLANES IN LONDON FROM A B747 TO A B727 BY PAN AMERICAN
WORLD AIRWAYS ON ITS SERVICE FROM THE WEST COAST OF THE
UNITED STATES TO PARIS, AND THE VALIDITY OF COUNTER-
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MEASURES INITIATED BY THE UNITED STATES AS THE RESULT OF
FRENCH REFUSAL TO ALLOW THE PAN AMERICAN OPERATION.

-- "THE PARTIES AGREED TO EXPEDITED ARBITRATION OF THESE
DISPUTES BY A THREE-MEMBER INTERNATIONAL PANEL, WITH A
DECISION TO BE EXPECTED BY DECEMBER 10. IN THE INTERIM,
THE PARTIES AGREE THAT PAN AMERICAN SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO

CONDUCT ONE-HALF THE FREQUENCIES IT HAD PLANNED BETWEEN MAY AND DECEMBER. THE UNITED STATES IN TURN AGREED NOT TO IMPLEMENT THE PLANNED COUNTERMEASURES;

-- "BOTH GOVERNMENTS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE AGREEMENT, WHICH WILL ENSURE THAT AVIATION RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD NOT BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE CONTINUATION OF THE DISAGREEMENT.

-- "THE COMPROMISE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES BY LEE R. MARKS, DEPUTY LEGAL ADVISER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND ON BEHALF OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT BY MR. DE LACHARRIERE, DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS." CHRISTOPHER

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